

CLASS OF 1809

HENRY EDSON

One of our oldest citizens died last evening at the residence of his son-in-law, Peter Thalimer. He was in the ninetieth year of his age, but until October last was in the enjoyment of unusual good health for one of his years. Since then he has steadily declined until the end came. Mr. Edson was a native of Waterford, was a lawyer by profession, and took up his residence in Troy some thirty years ago. He practiced law here in connection with the late Judge Huntington and Charles R. Richards, under the firm name of Huntington, Edson & Richards. Retiring from active professional duties some twenty years since, he has since lived a quiet life,--an intelligent observer, however, of passing events and taking a deep interest in the affairs of the country during the great crisis period intervening. He was an amiable man, unobtrusive and kind, fair and truthful in his intercourse with others, and enjoying the respect of all who knew him.

Troy Times
January 5, 1878.

In the hurried obituary of the venerable Henry Edson, which appeared on Saturday last, the day succeeding his death, we omitted one or two facts of interest in his history. Mr. Edson was born in Waterford, August 3, 1788, and, dying January 4, 1878, was in the ninetieth year of his age at the time of his death. He graduated at Union College in 1809, and at the semi-centennial meeting of his class in 1859 was one of the ten who survived. Gideon Hawley was the most conspicuous member of the class, of which only one (Samuel B. Ludlow) now survives. Mr. Edson came to Troy in 1841, and engaged in the practice of his profession, the law, with the genial and well-remembered Judge Huntington and the late Charles R. Richards, a man of prominence both at the bar and in the political councils of his day. The great age of Mr. Edson withdrew him largely from the public eye, and the present generation knew little of him, but those who remember him in the strength of his manhood speak of him as a man of pure character, earnest patriotism, large culture and genial manners. The writer knew him well in the closing years of the life now ended as a well-preserved, hearty, pleasant old gentleman, whom it was always a delight to meet. The years silvered his hair and weakened the physical forces, but they did not touch the warmth of his heart or dim the lustre of his kindly eye. We met him on the last anniversary of his birthday, and it was refreshing to talk with him of his long life and of the faith which sustained him for the future. He expressed great interest and joy in living, but was prepared to die whenever the summons should come. he has left a precious memory; for ninety years in youth, in manhood, in old age, his life was a source of perpetual joy to all around him. Troy Times January 9, 1878.

HENRY EDSON, Esq., 1809, a resident of Waterford, N.Y., was a member of the
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